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From: Finman, Hodayah [Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/7/2017 7:10:51 PM
To: [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
CC: Phillips, Anna [Phillips.Anna@epa.gov]; [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] Besch, Brianna [besch.brianna@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Preparations for G-7 Environment Ministers Ministerial

Hi [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy],

It was a pleasure meeting you as well. Great news about the marine litter exhibit and I trust you now have a good point of contact with the Italian Ministry regarding the feasibility of showcasing the content of the exhibit at either the Marine Litter workshop or the Ministerial.

We are working on some rough budget number for the EMM assuming a range of levels of possible representation and Brianna will be in touch in [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] shortly.

We are in discussion with colleagues from Treasury about coverage at the workshops. As you may have suspected, travel budgets are still very uncertain so we do not definitively know which meetings might be covered with experts from Washington. To the extent meetings are taking place in Rome it is good to know of your interest and availability! With respect to the meeting in Venice and Milan, to what extent might there be local consular interest/availability to cover if needed? I do understand that there are resource constraints on your staff covering a meeting outside of Rome. At this point I am fairly certain EPA would not be able to cover those travel expenses but can certainly inquire if Treasury might and/or have further internal EPA discussions. If you have an estimate of the cost, that would be helpful.

Best Regards,
Hodayah

From: [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 7:28 AM
To: Finman, Hodayah <Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov>; [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Cc: Phillips, Anna <Phillips.Anna@epa.gov>; [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Subject: RE: Preparations for G-7 Environment Ministers Ministerial

Hi Anna and Hodayah!

Hodayah, it was great to meet you and we look forward to our continuing work.

Anna, Hodayah undoubtedly told you that the April 20-21 Marine Litter meeting will be in Rome instead of Naples. This is great news for us! In other breaking news, a traveling exhibit funded by State and the EU on plastic ocean trash will come from Our Ocean conference in Malta to the Genoa Aquarium in the fall, just in time for school kids and the Genoa Science Festival (reportedly the best in Italy with 200,000 distinct visitors.)

We are developing budgets. With Dept. of Treasury going to the Green Finance in Venice April 5-6, do you still need our help? If so, would you be willing to pay for the train and hotel?

We're developing our other budgets, too. There is no charge for us as far as the Rome meetings.

It's anybody's guess if cabinet members will come to these ministerials, but now that POTUS has committed to coming to G7, the likelihood increases that secretaries/administrators will as well. As we develop our budgets, we'll include control rooms, etc.

Thanks, [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

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-----Original Message-----

From: Finman, Hodayah [mailto:Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 10:28 AM

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Cc: Phillips, Anna; Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Subject: Re: Preparations for G-7 Environment Ministers Ministerial

Thank you very much. I am looking forward to meeting with you and others at the Embassy to discuss this interesting preparation process.

I just received the meeting agenda from the Italians and if you are free to meet on Monday instead for coffee in the morning at 8:00 am or at 5 pm, I would be able to shorten my trip. That said, I recognize that the times may be outside of standard working hours and/or conflict with other meetings at this late stage. I am flexible but thought I would check with you given the latest information.

Best regards, Hodayah

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> On Jan 13, 2017, at 3:01 AM, Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy wrote:

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> I will submit an access request for you to enter the compound. Please bring your passport with you. Use the pedestrian gate on Via Sallustiana, 49. If you use a taxi they will drop you off right in front or near. The red bubble on the map below marks the spot. Once you are here they will notify us and I will come get you.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Finman, Hodayah [mailto:Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov]

> Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 5:58 PM

> To: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

> Cc: Phillips, Anna; Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

> Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

> Subject: RE: Preparations for G-7 Environment Ministers Ministerial

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> That works for me. If someone can send logistical details (address, pre-clearance info etc), I would greatly appreciate it.

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> Best, Hodayah

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> -----Original Message-----

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> From: [REDACTED] Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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> Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 9:30 AM

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> To: Finman, Hodayah

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> Subject: RE: Preparations for G-7 Environment Ministers Ministerial

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> Could we tentatively schedule a meeting here at the Embassy Tuesday, Jan. 31st at 10am?

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> Subject: FW: Preparations for G-7 Environment Ministers Ministerial

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> Importance: High

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> Dear Anna,

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> It will be wonderful to see you again! I'm adding my colleague [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy], who is the G7 lead in our embassy, along with our OMS ([Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] please calendar the Rome meetings and note all Italian meetings in our newsletter calendar), and the teams in Naples, Florence, and Milan involved in environmental issues. We understand thin travel budgets and will strive to cover the Italian meetings. I imagine you have contacts our embassy officers in the other EU countries covering the environment, but let me know if you need any help there.

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> [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] and I are especially excited about the marine litter angle, and are gathering support for a marine plastic trash exhibit that will travel from Copenhagen (current home) to Tallinn, Lisbon, Naples (we're gathering financial supporters - let me know if you can think of sources), and then to Malta for the Our Ocean conference, which was initiated by Secretary Kerry.

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> We'll work out the timing of a call on a separate email.

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> Warmly, [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

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> Environment, Science, Technology & Health Counselor U.S. Embassy Rome

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> From: Phillips, Anna [mailto:Phillips.Anna@epa.gov]

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> Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 7:30 PM

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> To: [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

> Cc: Hodayah Finman; Besch, Brianna; Doroski, Brenda

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> Subject: Preparations for G-7 Environment Ministers Ministerial

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> Importance: High

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> Dear [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy],

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> Happy New Year! I hope that you and yours enjoyed a relaxing break over the holidays and that you are now rested and refreshed for what lies ahead in 2017.
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> In particular... Given Italy's G-7 Presidency and their plan to host a June 11-12 Environment Ministers Meeting (EMM) in Bologna, I wanted to reach out now to begin what we hope will be strong coordination between EPA and Embassy Rome on EMM preparations. I don't know how much you have been in touch with IMELS so far on this, but we wanted to be sure that you are up to date on what is happening. We also hope to stay in close touch with you as the EMM preparatory process proceeds between now and June.
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> To provide background and context, attached are a series of EMM documents (which you already may have seen) that include a calendar of (many!) preparatory meetings, a notional agenda and a series of concept papers which cover the 8 topics/tracks that Italy has proposed to feed into the development of the EMM Communique for the Bologna meeting.
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> A key issue for EPA is ensuring strong USG coverage of the many preparatory meetings that IMELS has planned throughout the spring, mostly in Italy. Because we do not have the travel funds or staff resources to cover them all, we were hoping to explore the potential to utilize Embassy and/or Consulate expertise and contacts to augment on-the-ground coverage of these discussions. Of course, EPA would prepare the necessary briefing materials and talking points to support your participation.
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> Recognizing that you also may be facing resource constraints, we understand the need to prioritize and we have identified two meetings for initial consideration for Embassy coverage. They include the meeting on Green Finance SME (April 5-6 in Venice) and, if Treasury is not able to cover it, the meeting on Environmental Subsidies (March 14-15 in Rome). Other meetings that are lower priority but for which Embassy coverage would be welcome if possible are meetings on Green Finance Financial Centers (February 21-22, if in Milan) and Green Policies, Growth and Employment (timing/venue not yet confirmed).
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> I am copying my colleagues Hodayah Finman and Brianna Besch who are on EPA's front line for EMM preparations. As a first step, and subject to your availability, we would like to arrange a conference call with you during the week of January 23rd so that we can discuss what lies ahead and answer any questions you might have.
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> In addition, Hodayah will be attending the January 30th meeting of the EMM Communique Working Group in Rome and she would be happy to meet with you at the Embassy on Tuesday, January 31st, if schedules permit. It would be very helpful if you could let us know your (un) availability for the proposed conference call and meeting with Hodayah so that we can proceed with scheduling.
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> As always, we greatly appreciate Embassy Rome's long-standing support for EPA and we look forward to working closely with you on the EMM.
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> All the best,
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> Subject: G7 and SDG Info
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> Hi Anna,
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> Following up on our conversation from yesterday I wanted to get you the documents we talked about. Attached first is a calendar that outlines the different G7 EMM prep meetings and who we are hoping can cover the meetings.
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> The next attachments are the calendar (attachment 00), agenda (01) and concept papers from Italy. The last attachment is the summary of the concept papers that Hodayah created that you got in hard copy yesterday.
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> I also wanted to see if you had a chance to talk with Scott yesterday about a meeting on SDGs.
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> Thanks,
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> Brianna Besch

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